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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON DOL DRAFT LIST FOR TVPRA

REF: STATE 43120

Classified By: DRL/ILCSR Mittelhauser; Reason: 1.4 D

1. (U) This is an action request. Please see summary paragraph (para. 2) and paras. 6 through 10 for specific information requested.

¶2. (SBU) Summary: This is a request for comment on the Department of Labor,s (DOL) draft list of goods from countries that the Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) has reason to believe are produced by forced labor or child labor in violation of international standards. DOL was mandated to produce this list under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005, Section 105(b). The contents of DOL,s draft list should not be shared with any contacts outside the U.S. Government. Posts that wish to respond are requested to do so by January 28, 2009.

¶3. (U) Background: The Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005 (TVPPRA), Section 105(b), directed ILAB to initiate additional activities to monitor and combat forced labor and child labor in foreign countries. Among these was the specific requirement to develop and make available to the public a list of goods from countries that ILAB has reason to believe are produced by forced labor or child labor in violation of international standards. For more information on the TVPPRA requirements, see reftel. For answers to common questions about this mandate, including those related to criteria, definitions, and use of the list, see DOL,s Frequently Asked Questions at [http://www.dol.gov/ilab/programs/ocft/pdf/TVP RA-FAQ.pdf](http://www.dol.gov/ilab/programs/ocft/pdf/TVP_RA-FAQ.pdf).

¶4. (U) Pursuant to this mandate, in December 2007 DOL published a set of procedural guidelines in the Federal Register that ILAB has followed in developing its list of goods. The guidelines set forth the criteria by which information is evaluated; establish procedures for public submission of information to be considered by ILAB; and lay out the process ILAB will follow in maintaining and updating the list after its initial publication. The Federal Register Notice is available under the Child Labor Tab on the Labor Diplomacy Forum on-line community on the State Department,s Intranet site, and at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-250_36.pdf.

¶5. (U) In compiling its draft list, ILAB gathered and analyzed research from a variety of sources including comprehensive desk reviews and in-country research carried out by ILAB contractor; data and information from ILAB technical assistance project grantees overseas; a public request for information published in the Federal Register (see the same FRN referenced in para. 4); a Public Hearing held at DOL on May 28, 2008 (transcript available at http://www.dol.gov/ilab/programs/ocft/pdf/2_0080423g.pdf); reporting cables received from posts in response to reftel; and extensive ILAB staff research. DOL greatly appreciates the efforts of those posts that responded to reftel and will follow up those that did not provide a response. Pending final approval, DOL will make the list publicly available on its website.

¶6. (SBU) Action request: The TVPPRA of 2005 did not require DOL to obtain clearance or consensus with any other agency on its list. This action request is an opportunity for posts to provide additional information relevant to the goods that appear on the draft list, and/or information on goods that do not appear but may, in fact, meet the definitions and criteria specified in DOL,s procedural guidelines. If posts have information that clearly demonstrates that child labor or forced labor is not or is no longer used in the production of a good on DOL,s draft list, please forward this information to DOL. Posts providing information that would lead to the addition of a new good not currently on DOL,s draft list should be aware that this information will be analyzed and the good may not be added to DOL,s list until later versions. Please note that while DOL regularly gathers and is always interested in information about government, industry, and third-party efforts to combat forced labor and/or child labor, DOL,s procedural guidelines stipulate that such efforts must be effective in significantly reducing if not eliminating the problem of forced or child labor in the production of a good in order for the efforts to be taken into account in decisions about the list.

¶7. (C) DOL,s draft list of goods and countries is as

follows. For each good and country, the list specifies whether there is evidence of child labor, forced labor, or both. Please note that if the list includes forced labor for a particular good, this could indicate forced labor of adults, forced labor of children, or both. The TVPRA did not require that DOL disaggregate information on forced child labor in its list, and DOL did not do so.

Afghanistan Bricks Child Labor
Afghanistan Carpets Child Labor
Afghanistan Flowers (poppies) Child Labor
Argentina Blueberries Child Labor
Argentina Bricks Child Labor
Argentina Cotton Child Labor
Argentina Garlic Child Labor
Argentina Garments Child Labor and Forced Labor
Argentina Grapes Child Labor
Argentina Lemons - Child Labor
Argentina Olives Child Labor
Argentina Strawberries Child Labor
Argentina Sugarcane Child Labor
Argentina Tobacco Child Labor
Argentina Tomatoes Child Labor
Argentina Yerba (stimulant plant) Child Labor
Azerbaijan Cotton Child Labor
Bangladesh Bidis (hand-rolled cigarettes) Child Labor
Bangladesh Bricks Child Labor
Bangladesh Dried Fish Child Labor
Bangladesh - Footwear Child Labor
Bangladesh Furniture (steel) Child Labor
Bangladesh Glass Child Labor
Bangladesh - Leather Child Labor
Bangladesh - Matches Child Labor
Bangladesh - Salt Child Labor
Bangladesh - Shrimp Child Labor
Bangladesh - Soap Child Labor
Bangladesh - Textiles Child Labor
Bangladesh Textiles (jute) Child Labor
Belize - Bananas Child Labor
Belize Citrus Fruits Child Labor
Belize - Sugarcane Child Labor
Benin - Cotton Child Labor and Forced Labor
Benin Granite (crushed) Child Labor
Bolivia Brazil Nuts/Chestnuts Forced Labor
Bolivia Cattle Forced Labor
Bolivia Corn Forced Labor
Bolivia Gold Child Labor
Bolivia Peanuts Forced Labor
Bolivia Silver Child Labor
Bolivia Sugarcane Child Labor and Forced Labor
Bolivia - Tin Child Labor
Brazil - Bananas Child Labor
Brazil Beans (soy) Child Labor and Forced Labor
Brazil Bricks Child Labor
Brazil Cattle Child Labor and Forced Labor
Brazil - Ceramics Child Labor
Brazil - Charcoal Child Labor and Forced Labor
Brazil - Coffee Child Labor and Forced Labor
Brazil Corn Child Labor
Brazil - Cotton Child Labor and Forced Labor
Brazil - Footwear Child Labor
Brazil Manioc/Cassava Child Labor
Brazil - Pineapples Child Labor
Brazil - Rice Child Labor
Brazil - Sisal Child Labor
Brazil - Sugarcane Child Labor and Forced Labor
Brazil Talcum (mineral) Child Labor
Brazil Timber Forced Labor
Brazil - Tobacco Child Labor
Burkina Faso Cotton Child Labor and Forced Labor
Burkina Faso - Gold Child Labor and Forced Labor
Burma - Bamboo Child Labor and Forced Labor
Burma Beans (green, soy, yellow) Child Labor and Forced Labor
Burma - Bricks Child Labor and Forced Labor
Burma Jade Child Labor and Forced Labor
Burma Physic Nuts/Castor Beans Forced Labor
Burma - Rice Child Labor and Forced Labor

Burma - Rubber Child Labor and Forced Labor
Burma - Rubies Child Labor and Forced Labor
Burma - Sesame Forced Labor
Burma - Shrimp Child Labor and Forced Labor
Burma - Sugarcane Child Labor and Forced Labor
Burma - Sunflowers Child Labor and Forced Labor
Burma - Tea Forced Labor
Burma - Teak Child Labor and Forced Labor
Burma - Palm Thatch Child Labor and Forced Labor
Cambodia - Bricks Child Labor
Cambodia - Coal Child Labor
Cambodia - Gems Child Labor
Cambodia - Rubber Child Labor
Cambodia - Salt Child Labor
Cambodia - Shrimp Child Labor
Cameroon - Cocoa Child Labor
China - Artificial Flowers Forced Labor
China - Bricks Child Labor and Forced Labor
China - Christmas Decorations Forced Labor
China - Coal Forced Labor
China - Cotton Child Labor and Forced Labor
China - Electronics Child Labor and Forced Labor
China - Fireworks Child Labor and Forced Labor
China - Footwear Forced Labor
China - Garments Forced Labor
China - Nails Forced Labor
China - Textiles Child Labor
China - Toys Child Labor and Forced Labor
Colombia - Bricks (clay) Child Labor
Colombia - Coal Child Labor
Colombia - Coca (stimulant plant) Child Labor and Forced Labor
Colombia - Coffee Child Labor
Colombia - Emeralds Child Labor
Colombia - Gold Child Labor
Colombia - Pornography Child Labor
Colombia - Sugarcane Child Labor
Cote d'Ivoire - Cocoa Child Labor and Forced Labor
Cote d'Ivoire - Coffee Child Labor and Forced Labor
Cote d'Ivoire - Gold Child Labor
Democratic Republic of Congo - Cobalt Child Labor
Democratic Republic of Congo - Coltan (metallic ore) Child Labor
Democratic Republic of Congo - Copper Child Labor
Democratic Republic of Congo - Diamonds Child Labor
Democratic Republic of Congo - Gold Child Labor
Dominican Republic - Coffee Child Labor
Dominican Republic - Rice Child Labor
Dominican Republic - Sugarcane Child Labor and Forced Labor
Dominican Republic - Tomatoes Child Labor
Ecuador - Bananas Child Labor
Ecuador - Bricks Child Labor
Ecuador - Flowers Child Labor
Ecuador - Gold Child Labor
Egypt - Cotton Child Labor
Egypt - Stones (limestone) Child Labor
Ghana - Cocoa Child Labor
Ghana - Gold Child Labor
Ghana - Tilapia (fish) Child Labor and Forced Labor
Guatemala - Broccoli Child Labor
Guatemala - Coffee Child Labor
Guatemala - Corn Child Labor
Guatemala - Fireworks Child Labor
Guatemala - Gravel (crushed stones) Child Labor
Guatemala - Sugarcane Child Labor
Guinea - Cashews Child Labor
Guinea - Cocoa Child Labor
Guinea - Coffee Child Labor
Guinea - Gold Child Labor
Honduras - Coffee Child Labor
Honduras - Lobsters Child Labor
Honduras - Melons Child Labor
India - Bidis (hand-rolled cigarettes) Child Labor
India - Brassware Child Labor
India - Bricks Child Labor and Forced Labor
India - Carpets Child Labor and Forced Labor
India - Cottonseed (hybrid) Child Labor and Forced Labor
India - Embroidered Textiles (zari) Child Labor and Forced Labor
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India - Fireworks Child Labor
India - Footwear Child Labor
India - Garments Child Labor and Forced Labor
India - Gems Child Labor
India Glass Bangles Child Labor
India Jewelry (gold) Child Labor and Forced Labor
India Leather Goods/Accessories Child Labor
India - Locks Child Labor
India - Matches Child Labor
India - Rice Child Labor and Forced Labor
India Silk Fabric (including saris) Child Labor and Forced Labor
India Silk Thread Child Labor and Forced Labor
India Soccer Balls Child Labor
India - Stones Child Labor and Forced Labor
Indonesia Footwear (sandals) Child Labor
Indonesia - Gold Child Labor
Indonesia - Tobacco Child Labor
Iran - Carpets Child Labor
Jordan Garments Forced Labor
Kazakhstan - Cotton Child Labor and Forced Labor
Kazakhstan - Tobacco Child Labor and Forced Labor
Kenya - Coffee Child Labor
Kenya Miraa (stimulant plant) Child Labor
Kenya - Rice Child Labor
Kenya - Sisal Child Labor
Kenya - Sugarcane Child Labor
Kenya - Tea Child Labor
Kenya - Tobacco Child Labor
Kyrgyz Republic - Cotton Child Labor
Kyrgyz Republic - Tobacco Child Labor
Lebanon - Tobacco Child Labor
Liberia - Diamonds Child Labor
Liberia - Rubber Child Labor
Malawi - Tea Child Labor
Malawi - Tobacco Child Labor and Forced Labor
Malaysia Electronics Forced Labor
Malaysia Garments Forced Labor
Malaysia Oil (palm) Forced Labor
Mali Gold Child Labor
Mali - Rice Child Labor and Forced Labor
Mexico Beans (green beans) Child Labor
Mexico Chile Peppers Child Labor
Mexico - Coffee Child Labor
Mexico - Cucumbers Child Labor
Mexico - Eggplants Child Labor
Mexico - Melons Child Labor
Mexico - Onions Child Labor
Mexico - Pornography Child Labor
Mexico - Sugarcane Child Labor
Mexico - Tobacco Child Labor
Mexico - Tomatoes Child Labor
Mongolia - Coal Child Labor
Mongolia Fluorspar (mineral) Child Labor
Mongolia - Gold Child Labor
Nepal - Bricks Child Labor and Forced Labor
Nepal Carpets Child Labor and Forced Labor
Nepal Embroidered Textiles (zari) Child Labor and Forced Labor
Nepal - Stones Child Labor and Forced Labor
Nicaragua - Bananas Child Labor
Nicaragua - Coffee Child Labor
Nicaragua - Gold Child Labor
Nicaragua Gravel (crushed stones) Child Labor
Nicaragua - Shellfish Child Labor
Nicaragua Stones (pumice) Child Labor
Nicaragua - Tobacco Child Labor
Niger - Gold Child Labor
Niger Gypsum (mineral) Child Labor
Niger Salt Child Labor
Niger Trona (mineral) Child Labor
Nigeria Cocoa Child Labor and Forced Labor
Nigeria - Granite Child Labor and Forced Labor
Nigeria Gravel (crushed stones) Child Labor and Forced Labor
Nigeria Manioc/Cassava Child Labor
Nigeria - Sand Child Labor
North Korea Bricks Forced Labor
North Korea - Cement Forced Labor

North Korea - Coal Forced Labor
North Korea - Gold Forced Labor
North Korea - Iron Forced Labor
North Korea - Textiles Forced Labor
Pakistan Bricks Child Labor and Forced Labor
Pakistan - Carpets Child Labor and Forced Labor
Pakistan - Coal Child Labor and Forced Labor
Pakistan Cotton Forced Labor
Pakistan Glass Bangles Child Labor
Pakistan - Leather Child Labor
Pakistan Sugarcane Forced Labor
Pakistan Surgical Instruments Child Labor
Pakistan Wheat Forced Labor
Panama - Coffee Child Labor
Panama Pornography Child Labor
Panama - Sugarcane Child Labor
Paraguay Cattle Forced Labor
Paraguay - Corn Child Labor
Paraguay - Cotton Child Labor
Paraguay Manioc/Cassava Child Labor
Paraguay - Pornography Child Labor
Peru Brazil Nuts/Chestnuts Forced Labor
Peru - Bricks Child Labor
Peru Coca (stimulant plant) Child Labor
Peru Fireworks Child Labor
Peru - Gold Child Labor and Forced Labor
Peru Timber Forced Labor
Philippines - Bananas Child Labor
Philippines Coconuts Child Labor
Philippines - Corn Child Labor
Philippines Fashion Accessories Child Labor
Philippines - Gold Child Labor
Philippines - Hogs Child Labor
Philippines - Pornography Child Labor
Philippines - Pyrotechnics Child Labor
Philippines - Rice Child Labor
Philippines - Rubber Child Labor
Philippines - Sugarcane Child Labor
Philippines - Tobacco Child Labor
Russia Pornography Child Labor and Forced Labor
Senegal - Gold Child Labor
Senegal - Handicrafts Child Labor
Sierra Leone - Diamonds Child Labor and Forced Labor
Sierra Leone - Granite Child Labor
Tajikistan - Cotton Child Labor and Forced Labor
Tanzania - Cloves Child Labor
Tanzania - Coffee Child Labor
Tanzania - Gold Child Labor
Tanzania Nile Perch (fish) Child Labor
Tanzania - Sisal Child Labor
Tanzania Tanzanite (gem) Child Labor
Tanzania - Tea Child Labor
Tanzania - Tobacco Child Labor
Thailand - Garments Child Labor and Forced Labor
Thailand - Pornography Child Labor
Thailand - Shrimp Child Labor and Forced Labor
Thailand - Sugarcane Child Labor
Turkey Citrus Fruits Child Labor
Turkey - Cotton Child Labor
Turkey - Cumin Child Labor
Turkey - Furniture Child Labor
Turkey - Hazelnuts Child Labor
Turkey - Peanuts Child Labor
Turkey Pulses (legumes) Child Labor
Turkey Sugar Beets Child Labor
Turkmenistan - Cotton Child Labor and Forced Labor
Uganda - Bricks Child Labor
Uganda - Cattle Child Labor
Uganda - Charcoal Child Labor
Uganda - Coffee Child Labor
Uganda - Rice Child Labor
Uganda - Sugarcane Child Labor
Uganda - Tea Child Labor
Uganda - Tobacco Child Labor
Uganda - Vanilla Child Labor
Ukraine - Coal Child Labor
Ukraine - Pornography Child Labor
Uzbekistan - Cotton Child Labor and Forced Labor

¶18. (C) Please note that the contents of DOL,s draft list of goods are confidential and should not be shared with contacts outside the U.S. Government.

¶19. (C) This cable is being sent to posts covering the 58 countries currently appearing on DOL,s draft list. Embassy Seoul is asked to note that goods made in South Korea do not appear on DOL,s draft list, but goods made in North Korea do appear. Embassy Islamabad is requested to note goods listed for both Pakistan and Iran.

¶10. (SBU) Responses are requested by January 28, 2009. In responding, Posts are requested to review reftel for details on DOL,s original information request to Posts and the relevant definitions. Posts are requested to respond via unclassified cable, as information relevant to goods may be cited in DOL,s final publication of its list, and DOL is unable to cite classified or SBU cables. Please submit all replies ACTION Secstate and Department of Labor, slugged DOL/ILAB for Rachel Rigby, DRL/ILCSR for Mark Mittelhauser and G/TIP for Steve Steiner. Questions regarding this request may be directed to Rachel Rigby at (202) 693-4833, or by e-mail at rigby.rachel@dol.gov, with CC to DRL and G/TIP.

¶11. (U) DOL greatly appreciates posts, continued assistance.

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